

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
1:24-cv-00087-MR-WCM

SHELLEY BRIDGES;
LISA BLAKEMORE; and
TERESA LUKASZEWICZ;
*individually and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,*

Plaintiffs,

v.

RAYCEN RAINES;
WAKPAMNI LAKE
COMMUNITY CORPORATION;
WLCC II D/B/A ARROWHEAD ADVANCE;
WLCC LENDING BGL
d/b/a BISON GREEN LENDING;
WLCC LENDING JEM
d/b/a EXPLORE CREDIT;
WLCC LENDING FDL
d/b/a FAST DAY LOANS;
WLCC LENDING FDL
d/b/a FIRST DAY LOAN; and
JOHN DOES NOS. 1-40,

Defendants.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on a Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* and Affidavit (Doc. 3) filed by Jeffrey Osterwise. The Motion indicates that Mr. Osterwise, a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court, is local counsel for Plaintiffs and that he seeks the admission of John G. Albanese, who the Motion represents as being a member in good standing of the Bar of Minnesota.

It further appears that the requisite admission fee has been paid.

The Motion indicates that counsel has not conferred with counsel for Defendants regarding the Motion because Defendants have not yet appeared.

Seeing no facial defect in the Motion, the undersigned will grant the request at this time. Any Defendant may, however, request that the admission of John G. Albanese be reconsidered, after that Defendant has appeared in this matter. Any such request for reconsideration should be supported by specific objections.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* and Affidavit (Doc. 3) is **GRANTED**, and John G. Albanese is **ADMITTED** to practice *pro hac vice* before the Court in this matter while associated with local counsel.
2. This ruling is **WITHOUT PREJUDICE** to any Defendant's right to challenge this admission, provided that any such motion is filed within **seven (7) days** of that Defendant's appearance in this matter and is appropriately supported.

Signed: April 4, 2024



W. Carleton Metcalf
United States Magistrate Judge

